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Justice Department Files Statement of Interest in Michigan Free Speech Case

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The Department of Justice today filed a Statement of Interest in Speech First, Inc., v. Schlissel in the Eastern District of Michigan. The plaintiff, Speech First, a nationwide organization dedicated to defending civil liberties, alleges that the University of Michigan has adopted policies prohibiting and punishing speech protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Speech First alleges that the University of Michigan's policies on "harassment," "bullying," and "bias" are so vague and overbroad as to prompt students to limit their speech out of fear that they might be subject to disciplinary sanction, including "individual education" or "restorative justice" at the hands of the University's Bias Response Team.

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